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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BRAZIL OF UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA

1. SUMMARY: THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA VISITED BRAZIL FOR FIVE DAYS AND MET WITH GOB OFFICIALS. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS SIGNED WHICH RE-AFFIRMED THE GOB'S SUPPORT FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. THE PRESS WHICH AT FIRST DESCRIBED THE VISIT OF THE UN GROUP AS A "WORLD CONFERENCE" ON NAMIBIA, REPORTED EXTENSIVELY AND, TOWARD THE END OF THE VISIT, REACTED WITH SOME SKEPTICISM. END SUMMARY.

2. RESPONDING TO AN INVITATION MADE LAST MAY BY THE GOB, FOUR MEMBERS OF THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA VISITED BRAZIL JULY 18 TO 23 AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB OFFICIALS. THE DELEGATION WAS LED BY AMBASSADOR ROBERTO ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ OF MEXICO, AND ITS PURPOSE WAS TO INFORM THE GOB OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND SEEK BRAZILIAN SUPPORT FOR THE UN'S STAND ON NAMIBIA. THE GOB HAS SUPPORTED THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA SINCE 1969, AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE SOUTH AFRICAN SOVEREIGNTY IN THE AREA. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS SIGNED IN WHICH BRAZIL CONDEMNED THE SOUTH  
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AFRICAN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA AND RECOGNIZED BOTH THE

LEGITIMACY OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLES' STRUGGLE FOR SELF DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND THE LEADERSHIP OF SWAPO IN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONDEMNED BANTUSTANS AS AN "ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE PUBLIC OPINION AND UNDERMINE THE NATIONAL UNITY OF NAMIBIA." FINALLY BRAZIL REITERATED ITS PLEDGE NOT TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH NAMIBIA THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA. SEPARATELY, BUT DURING THE VISIT, THE GOB ANNOUNCED IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE (US\$ 5,000) TO THE UN FUND FOR NAMIBIA AND (US\$ 10,000) TO THE INSTITUTE OF NAMIBIA.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES APPARENTLY GAVE TOO MUCH EMPHASIS INITIALLY TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT. THIS RESULTED IN HEADLINES DESCRIBING BRASILIA AS THE SIDE OF A "WORLD CONFERENCE" ON NAMIBIA AND FOCUSED PRESS ATTENTION ON THE VISIT TO AN EXTENT THAT CLEARLY DISCOMFITED THE GOB. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES WERE LATER QUOTED TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' VISIT DEMONSTRATED THAT BRAZIL'S ANTICOLONIALIST POLICY, ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA, HAS CONVINCED THE COUNCIL THAT BRAZIL IS NOW A "VALID INTERLOCUTOR." THE HEAD OF THE UN DIVISION AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY COMPLAINED PRIVATELY TO POLCOUNS ABOUT THE LENGTH OF THE GROUP'S VISIT AND EXAGGERATED EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING BRAZIL'S ROLE IN THE NAMIBIA QUESTION. IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE SUCH EXPECTATIONS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VISIT RIO DE JANEIRO AFTER THEIR MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. INTERESTINGLY, JOINT COMMUNIQUE ALTHOUGH SIGNED IN BRASILIA WAS, AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, RELEASED IN RIO DE JANEIRO AT END OF VISIT. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES AT FIRST DENIED TO THE PRESS THAT THE GOB WOULD RECOGNIZE SWAPO'S LEADERSHIP BUT OTHER SOURCES WERE CITED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT BRAZIL COULD NOT IGNORE GROUPS THAT MIGHT SOME DAY CONTROL AN AREA THAT COULD BE A POTENTIAL MARKET FOR BRAZIL. AT THE END OF THE VISIT ONE FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE WAS QUOTED AS DESCRIBING BRAZIL-SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS AS "FROZEN," BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER DESCRIBED THEM PUBLICLY AS "CORRECT."

4. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WAS EXTENSIVE AND INCLUDED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIOR TO THE VISIT, A STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL ON HIS COUNTRY'S POSITION ON NAMIBIA. THE PRESS CARRIED BACKGROUND REPORTS ON NAMIBIA, BRAZIL-SOUTH AFRICA RELATIONS. ONE STORY STATED SOUTH AFRICA DOES BUSINESS AMOUNTING TO \$500 MILLION A YEAR WITH BLACK AFRICA. ANOTHER NOTED THAT VISITING COUNCIL MEMBERS CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA FOR USING "SLAVE LABOR" AND TOOK TO TASK THE MULTINATIONALS THAT OPERATE IN NAMIBIA. ON JULY 28 THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE

"VEJA" POINTED OUT HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS TO KNOW WHETHER SOME SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORT WAS OF NAMIBIAN ORIGIN. THE EXAMPLE IT CITED WAS A US PURCHASE FROM SOUTH AFRICA OF URANIUM FROM NAMIBIA WHICH, AFTER ENRICHMENT IN THE US, MIGHT BE SOLD TO BRAZIL FOR USE IN ITS FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. CRIMMINS

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